general discussion and in the course of discussing the several demands to place their views on the various recommendations of the Committee before the Government so that the Government may be in possession of their opinions also in the matter. All classes of Government servants, excluding perhaps some of the salary bill officers, have been anxiously waiting too long for some increase in pay being given to them, and it is my honest opinion, and I do hope that I voice the opinion of many of my friends inside and outside, when I say that it will be rather hard to postpone the matter any further on the ground of want of time to digest the report. After all, the main report with the dissenting notes contains about 100 pages and certainly it is not very difficult to master the well-considered conclusions of a Committee composed of some of the most experienced officials and popular representatives of the last Council, during the course of a few days. Government request for their early expression of opinion; hungry mouths plead for the same; the matter has already been delayed due to circumstances beyond control; it is but proper to make amends even now. In these circumstances I hope that the House will be pleased to give expression to their opinion in this very session, if possible, and to pass the lump allotment asked for.

Cranganur.

Now, Sir, a few words about the Cranganur budget also.

In 1102, according to the revised estimate we expected a net surplus of Rs. 12,120 only, the receipts and expenditure anticipated having been Rs. 1,88,250 and 1,76,130 respectively. The actual transactions, however, resulted in a surplus of Rs. 22,678 due to an increase in revenue over the revised estimate by Rs. 7,129 and a fall in expenditure by Rs. 3,429. The heads that mainly contributed to the increase in revenue were 'Land Revenue,' 'Stamps' and 'Abkari and Ganja' while the head mainly responsible for the decrease in expenditure was 'Public Works'.

For the current year we budgetted for a revenue of Rs. 1,88,240 and an expenditure of Rs. 1,84,990 thus resulting in a surplus of Rs. 3,250. According to the revised estimate, however, both the receipts and expenditure are expected to exceed the budget estimate by Rs. 4,990 and Rs. 7,970 respectively thus reducing the net surplus to Rs. 270.

The noteworthy increases in revenue are under 'Land Revenue' (Rs. 1,700), 'Stamps' (Rs. 1,830) 'Interest' (R. 2,490) and 'Public Works' (Rs. 2,070) due to renewals, etc., larger sale of court fee papers, more investments in banks, and the adjustment of a proportion of the State canal dues respectively. The

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head that is mainly responsible for the large increase in expenditure is 'Public Works' due to the reconstruction of certain bridges.

In my last year's speech I had referred to the question of extending the Panchayat Administration to Cranganur. This has been done in the course of the year and necessary provision made under the head 'Agriculture and Panchayats' by transfer from 'Land Revenue' and 'Sanitation' budgets.

The budget estimate of receipts for 1104 has been fixed at Rs. 1,97,840 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,93,230, the increase anticipated being mainly under 'Public Works' and under 'Opium' due to the proportionate rebate of duty on opium proposed to be granted to Cranganur by the State.

The expenditure for the coming year is estimated at Rs. 1,96,680 which exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 3,720. Following the provision made in the State budget, a lump provision of Rs. 4,000 has been made under 'Miscellaneous' for the revision of establishments. Again, as has been done in the State budget, a new major head 'Up-lift of the Depressed Classes' has been opened and a provision of Rs. 1,500 made thereunder. These account tor the main increase in expenditure as compared with the revised estimate. The variations under the other heads are so small that they do not seem to call for any special remarks. According to the budget estimate the transactions of the year 1104 are expected to result in a surplus of Rs. 1,160.

Conclusion.—I have done. During the last few years, we have decidedly improved our finances. To some, accumulation of surplus in a State may seem false political economy. While this may be true of large countries, small States like ours, if they have no good surplus to fall back upon in times of emergency, may find themselves in very difficult situations. With the improvement of the Harbour it is but natural that we may have many schemes for the economic development of the State and the people to launch. While loans may help us in our work to some extent, it cannot certainly be unwelcome if we have some surplus also at that time to start upon without depending wholly on loans. To conclude—every Hon'ble Member, who has entered this House is, I feel sure, fired with the ambition of bringing to bear on every subject his knowledge, his experience, his political convictions and the wishes of his constituency. I may state on behalf of the Government that every such contribution to this common store-house, where we, no less than non-officials, are all working sincerely for the public weal, will be most welcome.

The meeting came to a close at 20 minutes to 1 p. m.

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